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Public Telephones Provided by MTNL

Sl. No.	State	No. of PCOs provided by MTNL		
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1	Delhi	5935	7728	19230
2	Mumbai	19421	19470	23973

Figures as reported by MTNL.

Upgradation of posts in BSNL

1938. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a BSNL order dated the 24th June, 2003, envisages upgradation of posts from SAG to HAG in all services/cadres under BSNL in order to remove stagnation and frustration;

(b) if so, the maximum length of stagnation period suffered in Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) by any officer in BSNL and the details thereof, service-wise;

(c) whether there are any obstacles for implementation of such order and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when the upgradation would result in promotions to officers in BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited order No. 4-13/2001-TE.I dated the 24th June, 2003 envisages creation of Principle General Manager level posts in the pay scale of Rs. 22400-24500 (CDA) in various services/cadres under Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, keeping in view the work justification and associated aspects.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir. Holding of Departmental Promotion Committee meeting for regular promotion in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is not within the purview of Union Public Service Commission.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.